

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is outrageous, and is an example of what is wrong when a few people control the airwaves.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair's use of the airwaves in this cynical way is despicable, and is anathema to the idea of using their license for the public good. Their action is over the top.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.